

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11 line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--As illustrated in Figure 1, in the preferred embodiment of the present invention, a threaded bolt 15 is operatively connected to member 14' and extends from the top end 14 of the pole member 12 through the narrow upper portion 36 of the secondary hub member central cavity 32 such that the secondary hub member 30 is hangably secured to the pole member 12 near its top end 14. While the secondary hub member 30 may be freely rotated about the bolt 15 and the pole member 12 near its top end 14, a nut 17 may be tightened about the bolt 15 which is capable of restricting the movement of and/or of maintaining the secondary hub member 30 in substantially rigid position about the pole member 12. When desired, the nut 17 may be loosened so as to allow the secondary hub member 30 to freely rotate about the longitudinal axis of the pole member 12. A finial or end cap 40 is preferably also secured to the bolt 15 for aesthetic purposes once a canopy 21 has been positioned atop the umbrella frame assembly 10. The end cap 40 also maintains the canopy 21 in a secured central position.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11 line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

--In an alternate embodiment represented in Figure 17, the secondary hub member 30 may be structured to include a rigid bolt member 15' which extends axially downward through the pole receiving portion 34 of the central cavity 32. In this embodiment, at least the top end 14 of the pole member 12 comprises a partially hollow interior sufficiently sized to receive the rigid bolt member 15' of the secondary hub member 30. Positioning the downwardly extending rigid bolt member 15' of the secondary hub member 30 into operative connection with member 14' secured within [[into]] the at least partially hollow interior of the top end 14 of the pole member 12 facilitates positioning of [[and]] the pole receiving portion 34 over the exterior of the top end 14, and also provides the capability for the secondary hub member 30 to rotate about the bolt member 15' and the longitudinal axis of the pole member 12 similar to the embodiment of Figure 1.--